

Meeting Summary of the SANBAG Board of Directors

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■ April Board Meeting Briefs

- ◆ **American Recovery and Reinvestment Transit Funds Distributed**
Allocation of nearly \$33.2 of the anticipated American Recovery and Reinvestment (ARRA) Transit Funds were approved by the SANBAG Board of Directors.

Of these funds, Omnitrans is expected to receive about \$20.7 million, the Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRA) or Metrolink is expected to receive \$7.3 million, most of which will go toward implementing a Positive Train Control system, and the Victor Valley Transit Authority will receive approximately \$3.7 million, with about \$2 million going toward a new transit center.

The remainder of the funds will be divided between Morongo Basin Area Transit Authority, Barstow Area Transit, Mountain Area Regional Transit Authority, and Needles Area Transit.

- ◆ **SCAG Progresses with SB375 Strategy**

SANBAG Board of Directors received an update on the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) plan to implement SB375. This bill calls for integration of transportation, land use, and housing planning. It also asks that the reduction of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions be one of the goals for planning.

SCAG, along with local County Transportation Commissions, is currently working on creating a Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS), which will concentrate on development with transportation corridors while taking into account population, housing and jobs. The SCS is intended to enable the region to study options for reducing GHG emissions and is expected to be complete by fall 2009. SANBAG staff will advise SCAG and provide technical review during this process.

- ◆ **SCAQMD Works to Reduce Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)**

SANBAG Board of Directors received a report on Proposed Rule 2301, which will impose new requirements on local government land use decisions designed to reduce VMT. The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD), as the air pollution control agency for Orange County, and parts of Los Angeles, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties, is responsible for implementing measures to reduce ozone and PM2.5 (fine particulate matter).

Although both SB375 and PM2301 are similar in nature, byproducts of auto and light truck engines are the targeted pollutants of both programs. Replacement of today's vehicles with zero and near-zero emission vehicles will be what is mostly needed to achieve federal clean air standards.

◆ **SANBAG Commits Potential Funds to I-215 Widening**

With the state undergoing an unprecedented financial crisis, the funding of transportation projects across the state has been extremely challenging. The Prop 1B funding for the I-215 widening project in downtown San Bernardino was in jeopardy, due to the state fiscal crisis. The remaining improvements for this project have a value of \$431 million and are ready to be advertised for construction and begin in fall 2009.

SANBAG Board of Directors approved for all potential Federal Stimulus funds, currently estimated at \$80.6 million, to be allocated to the Interstate 215 project. SANBAG is seeking an additional \$49 million in State stimulus funds for the project. Measure I funds, along with other State and Federal funds also will be used to make up the shortfall.

Continuation of this construction project will create an estimated 8,000 jobs, which is extremely needed in this region that has been economically impacted by high unemployment and foreclosures.

Although the Federal Stimulus funding has not been completely confirmed, every effort is being made to ensure that the project stays on course, so motorists driving will have a safe, smooth drive in the near future.



Meeting Calendar

- **April 8:** Administrative Committee, 9:00 a.m.
- **April 9:** - Major Projects Committee, 9:00 a.m.
- TMC Groundbreaking Ceremony, Fontana, 11:00 a.m.
- **April 15:** Plans and Programs Com., 12:00 p.m.
- **April 17:** Mountain Desert Committee, 9:00 a.m.
- **May 6:** Board of Directors Meeting, 9:30 a.m.

More Commuter Services Available to SB County Commuters



In the past few months, SANBAG and Caltrans have opened a number of new Park and Ride (PNR) lots for commuters who carpool or vanpool. Just in March, PNR lots were opened in Chino Hills and Highland.

The new Chino Hills PNR lot is located at 14085 Peyton Drive, at St. Paul the Apostle Church, west of Route 71 and south of Grand Avenue. This lot features 77 parking spaces, landscaping and lighting. The designated PNR

spaces at this location are actually in a lot area behind the church. The nearest PNR lot to this location is less than two miles away, in Chino, and is very frequently filled to capacity.

"This new lot will hopefully relieve some congestion on the Chino lot, which is one of our most popular," said Michelle Kirkhoff, director of air quality and mobility programs at SANBAG.

The other PNR lot opened last month is located at 27457 Base Line Street at St. Adelaide's Church, just west of Route 210 in Highland. This lot features 50 parking spaces, lighting and landscaping.

In late 2008 a PNR lot was opened at 13850 Victoria Street at the south-east quadrant of Interstate 15/Route 210 interchange in Fontana. This PNR lot features 116 parking spaces and easy access to carpool lanes via Route 210 (Beech Avenue) and I-15 (Baseline Avenue).

The Victoria Street PNR lot is adjacent to a new, 24 hour Transportation Management Center (TMC) that is scheduled to open in 2010. The two-story TMC building of approximately 44,000 square feet will accommodate 175 employees, comprised of California Highway Patrol and Caltrans personnel.

TMCs are increasingly utilized by transportation agencies worldwide to address the traffic congestion developing with population growth. They are an integral part of the transportation system management strategies to limit traffic congestion as immediately as possible. In the thirty years since the original TMC was inaugurated, the role of the TMC's has grown significantly, managing virtually every aspect of state highway traffic flow within urban as well as rural areas. The TMC is a command and control center for traffic management systems, consisting of ramp meters, closed circuit television, vehicle detection stations, changeable message signs, roadway weather information, and highway advisory radio.

This TMC has been in the planning stages since 1997 and will include traffic control for both Riverside and San Bernardino Counties.

A ground-breaking ceremony for the TMC is scheduled on April 9 at 11 a.m. Scheduled speakers at the event include Congressman Joe Baca, who helped to secure much of the funds needed for construction; Caltrans Director Will Kempton; Caltrans District 8 Director Ray Wolfe; RCTC Commissioner Robin Lowe; SANBAG President Gary Ovitt; Fontana Mayor Mark Nuaimi; and CHP Commander John Antillon.

Other Park & Ride Lots in San Bernardino County

San Bernardino County has 18 Park & Ride lots. For a map of PNR lot locations, visit commutesmart.info. Other lots include:

- L Street at Interstate 15 in Barstow
- 10175 Cedar Ave. at Interstate 10 in Bloomington
- 3321 Chino Ave. at Route 71 in Chino
- Lake Drive between Wildrose Lane and Forest Shade, east of Route 138 in Crestline
- Beech Avenue at Route 210 in Fontana
- Joshua Street at Highway 395 in Hesperia
- 5091 Richton Street between Central Avenue and Monte Vista Avenue in Montclair
- 2560 S. Archibald Avenue at Route 60 in Ontario
- 13231 Baseline at Interstate 15 in Rancho Cucamonga
- 3012 N. Waterman Avenue, east of Route 210 and Interstate 215 interchange in San Bernardino
- 9944 Highland Avenue east of Archibald Avenue (front parking lot of Highland Community Church) in Rancho Cucamonga
- 12000 Amargosa Road at Interstate 15 near Bear Valley Road in Victorville
- 16838 D Street at Interstate 15 (at the Victor Valley Transportation Center) in Victorville
- 31341 Hampton Road at Interstate 10 in Yucaipa
- 7485 Kickapoo Trail at Route 62 in Yucca Valley

